





## INTIMATIONS

QUEEN MARY'S NEEDLEWORK GUILD.  
HONGKONG BRANCH.

A MEETING of the GUILD will be held in the CITY HALL on WEDNESDAY, October 2nd, at 10 o'clock. All women interested in the work of the Guild are invited to attend.  
ALICE D. HICKLING,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, Sept. 28, 1918. 789

THE DAIRY FARM ICE & COLD STORAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.  
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 5th day of October, 1918, at 12 Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July, 1918.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 27th September to 5th October, 1918, both days inclusive.  
By Order,  
M. MANUK,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, Sept. 20, 1918. 789

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are reminded of the EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company to be held on TUESDAY, the 1st day of October, 1918, at 12 o'clock Noon, at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Limited, No. 6, Pedder Street, Hongkong, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit confirming a Special Resolution the Resolution set out underneath which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 19th day of September, 1918.

"That the regulations contained in the printed document submitted to the meeting and for the purpose of indemnification submitted by the Chairman thereof be and the same are hereby approved and that such regulations be and they are hereby adopted as the Articles of the Company in substitution for and to the extension of all the existing Articles thereof."

Dated the 20th day of Sept., 1918.  
By Order of the Directors,  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.  
General Managers. [773]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Company's Offices at Noon on SATURDAY the 19th of October, 1918.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 19th of October, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, Sept. 26, 1918. 786

## DAIRY FARM NEWS.

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## THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE INDUSTRIAL FUTURE

First comes the claim by the workmen to increased leisure either by shortening the working day to an ultimate six hours, or shortening the week to five days. Second is a demand for the permanency of higher general wages, which inevitably rest upon a subsistence standard.

Third is the increasing political pressure exercised by labour, which is likely to prove cumulative in its effects. The electoral register has been greatly extended recently, and it is difficult to see at the moment exactly what the newly enfranchised electors in bulk will desire.

In practical directions, such as the control of sweated industries, arbitration in disputes, fair wages clauses and other steps to the advantage of labour, definite practical work of praiseworthy character has been done in industry.

Fourth is the great problem as to how the vast burdens imposed by the war can be liquidated, as they must inevitably be in a solvent state, mainly by industrial profits.

Fifth is the question as to restriction and limitation imposed by trade societies either directly or by influence on the members. The promise as to the evolution of conditions may be impossible to keep in a literal and accurate form.

Sixth come the basic underlying economic factors that even legislation is powerless to alter or restrict and which inevitably, since they are universal, are a national, in character, have to be taken into due account. Historical precedents have been jaded in vain futile attempt to assess present conditions, financial authorities are perplexed at the high scale upon which operations have to be conducted, economic experts are giving the gravest attention to the ultimate outcome whereby the centre of gravity of human effort is being slowly transferred.

The troubles are those of a period of acute change profound affecting the evolution of the State at every point where it makes contact with the individual. To prescribe remedies or to attempt to reconcile the conflicting elements in so huge a change may well seem hopeless. The view of the patriot, the workman, the employer, and the community at large are diverse, yet by some sacrifice, all round and patient endeavour a new poise and balance may be found.

International competitive trade rivalry has to be faced, the wreckage of war restored, the enrichment of a few in a general sense requires a true scale of political values, and the exploitation of ignorance by the sharp-witted demagogue, increased leisure and a higher standard of comfort to all are demanded, and means having been found to cheapen production and so increase industrial wealth, it is useless to pretend any longer that there are no problems.

It must be admitted that there was, not so long ago, great a proportion of the population idle, and this at both ends of the scale. No one should be ashamed to carry his own substance by personal effort irrespective of possessions, individual credit for economic independence. Every individual has his talents, great or small, which he endeavours to supply, and it is a poor, elementary, and unpractical organization if there is

## not an overplay for retention, that will each does greatly more than he deserves. It is not of this margin that capital is evoked, and taxation paid. The excess of wages beyond bare subsistence meets the needs of individual wants other than necessities, and in a rightly constituted State no one works for the sake of money only to keep body and soul together. Such a margin is useless or is pure waste unless the individual has time in which to spend his surplus with deliberation. Shorter hours and higher wages are both possibilities dependent upon an increased production sufficient to offset both, and in the proper enterprise and organisation of industry, education is necessary to management equally with the man to ensure that the results shall be a maximum.—Engineering.

## DUTCH DISPUTES WITH ENGLISH.

The Dutch convey question has been peacefully settled by diplomacy, and all is well, says the *Daily Chronicle*. When such questions formerly agitated the nations they brought us to a struggle for our sea-going existence. Thanks to the Albatross, we had become contemptible at sea; the Dutch all powerful. Then, De Witt, and De Ruyter commanded the tall ships of our adversaries. But we found an old soldier of 50 or more in Robert Blake, who created a fleet, and organised an unmatched personnel, and in twelve months fought the equivalent of four battles.

There had never been such fighting until those days; such pounding, such desperate hazards by whole fleets, such magnificent chivalry on both sides. There were Dutch Greyhounds (reconnaissance) against us; a nautical compass on our part, and the report of us presented to his Government by Jan de Witt may be profitably read by our Allies and our enemies to-day. All that the Dutch have learnt is that Englishmen may be killed, and English ships burnt, but that the courage of English seamen is invincible. Their descendants fought under Nelson; the descendants of Nelson's men fight to-day. The story is over the same.

## A TEST OF AVERAGE INTELLIGENCE.

As a test of "average intelligence" an American paper published a list of 100 words, supplied by a professor of Stanford University, and asked its readers to define them without consulting a dictionary. Now, to give the definition of a hundred words off-hand is not a simple matter. Generally we know what they mean and signify, but to put our definitions into words is another matter. A headmaster of a school who throw the challenge to his 80 pupils certainly got some interesting results. One boy got 90 per cent of marks, two 85 per cent, six above 80 per cent, and the rest from 80 down to per cent.

Here are a few of the definitions of the words given. Achromatic—a peculiar smell. Discatorial—the Episcopal Church. Shagreen—to feel shy, to be embarrassed. Also bashfulness. Laity—half awake. Charivari—a horn to a ship ash. Milkose—breakfast food. Also a rag to wipe up milk. Gutter—a disease of the head. Also a lump growing on the throat. Perfumery—organs of body. Sapient—having sap. Ochre—money. Also a musical instrument. Juggler—a vein.

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The approximate statement of traffic receipts for the week ending 29th Sept. is as follows:

	Receipts for week.	Aggregate Receipts for 30 weeks.
This year	14,109	536,350
Last year	13,024	522,087
Increase	1,085	114,263
Decrease		

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Typhoid fever and diphtheria are stated to be very common in Canton just now, especially in the Western suburb.

The Manilla Observatory this morning reported the Typhoon to be about 127° Long, E. and 18° Lat. N., moving N.

During the 48 hours ended yesterday 5 cases of cerebro-spina fever (two fatal) were reported in the Colony, and one fatal case of enteric fever.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending 14th September amounted to 56,552 tons and the sales during the period to 53,600 tons.

The principal Chinese shops in the Colony have been closed to-day and the Chinese flag has been much in evidence in the streets. The occasion is the birthday anniversary of Confucius.

In the cases dealt with by the Military Service Tribunal too late for our last night's issue, Mr. G. Blair, of Messrs. Martin & Co., was granted further exemption for three months; and Mr. A. Leach of the Vacuum Oil Co. was granted total exemption.

Exchange has dropped three times to-day—first 1d., then 1/2d. and then another 1d.—a total of 2 1/2d., and closed weak this afternoon at 3s. 5 1/2d. on demand. We understand that this is due to something like a panic among Chinese speculators in Shanghai where the rate has fallen 3d. to-day.

Work has now been commenced at the Race Course at Happy Valley on the construction of the new stands for spectators. These are to be erected on the East side of Wong Nei Cheong Road, near the main entrance to the Jockey Club premises. The building, which will be two stories in height, will contain 15 stands and there will also be accommodation on the flat roof. Emergency staircases will be provided to each stand. The entire structure will be built of brick and reinforced concrete, and when completed will be rather an imposing addition to the buildings in this popular district. The Architects for the work are Messrs. Leigh and Orsage.

## THE GENERAL MILITARY SERVICE TRIBUNAL.

## TO-MORROW'S MEETING

The Agenda for Wednesday, at 3.30 p.m. is as follows:

Consideration of temporary exemptions granted to the following:—  
3.30 p.m.—Mr. L. J. Blackburn, Hongkong and China Gas Co.  
3.40 p.m.—Mr. F. W. Evans, Messrs. Calbeck, Macgregor & Co.  
4.10 p.m.—Mr. D. Ritchie, International Banking Corporation.  
4.30 p.m.—Mr. A. E. Scott (Schulz), Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews.  
4.50 p.m.—Mr. E. W. White, Messrs. Wm. Powell, Ltd.  
5.10 p.m.—Mr. N. L. Bailton, Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co.

## A CHINESE ELECTROCUTED.

## JURY'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

At the inquest yesterday into the death of a Chinese who was electrocuted at Hingmou on August 24th by coming in contact with an electric wire of 2,200 volts whilst engaged on some building operations, the jury (Messrs. G. E. d'Aquino, J. Ferguson and J. M. G. Pereira) brought in a verdict of "death by misadventure." They found that the China Light and Power Company had complied with all the Regulations and were not responsible for the mishap. They recommended that in future no scaffolding should be erected close to live electric wires, and that before the erection of a scaffolding, notice should be given by the Public Works Department to the Company.

## LADY MAY'S ROSE FUND.

## LIST No. 3.

Already acknowledged.....\$824  
C. Thorne, Esq.....50  
Mr. Sachs.....10  
Total.....\$884

## AN AID TO DIGESTION.

WHEN you have a fullness and weight in the stomach after eating you may know that you have eaten too much and should take once of Chamberlain's Tablets to aid your digestion. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

## COMPANY MEETING.

## THE CHINA BORNEO CO., LTD.

On extraordinary general meeting of the above Company was held this morning at the office of Messrs. Gibbs, Livingston and Company, at 11.30 for the purpose of confirming a Resolution passed at an extraordinary general meeting held on Sept. 13.

Mr. A. G. Lang presided, and there were present Mr. H. J. Gedge, Solicitor to the Company, Mr. H. W. B. Kennett, (Manager) and Messrs. M. S. Northcote, O. Baptista, L. W. Sang, A. W. Smith and O. I. Ellis.

The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen, This is purely a formal meeting to confirm the resolutions passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting held on 13th September in connection with new Articles of Association. I have now to propose, and will ask Mr. M. S. Northcote to second, the following resolution:—

"That the new articles already approved by this meeting, and for purpose of identification thereof, subscribed by the Chairman thereof, be and the same are hereby approved, and that such Articles be and they are hereby adopted as the Articles of the Company to the exclusion of and in substitution for all existing Articles thereof."

Mr. M. S. Northcote duly seconded and the motion was carried.

That terminated the business of the meeting.

## FUNERAL OF MR. F. A. BIDE.

The funeral of the late Mr. F. A. Bide, whose death on Sunday evening created a painful sensation in the Colony, took place at the cemetery at Happy Valley last evening, with full military honours, the deceased having been a Company Sergeant-Major in the Defence Corps. There was a large attendance of members of the Corps, under the command of Captain G. E. Stewart, and a number of other friends.

The coffin was borne to the cemetery on a gun carriage draped with the Union Jack, being preceded by a firing party consisting of 95 men of the Artillery Company, and followed by the Band of the 18th Indian Infantry Regiment playing Chopin's "Funeral March." Immediately behind the coffin followed his colleagues of the Public Works Department, headed by the Hon. Mr. T. L. Perkins, the Acting Director. Among other present were Mr. P. E. J. Wodehouse, A. D. C. (representing H.E. the Officer Administering the Government), the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher (Acting Colonial Secretary), the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax (Secretary for Chinese Affairs), Mr. A. Gibson (Head of the Sanitary Department), Mr. E. W. Hamilton, Mr. J. R. Wood, Mr. A. Chapman, Mr. R. E. Lindell, Mr. H. A. Taylor, and many others.

The burial service was conducted by the Rev. H. Copley Moyle, Chaplain of St. John's Cathedral, and at the close three volleys were fired over the grave and the "Last Post" sounded.

There was a great profusion of floral tributes which included wreaths sent by the P.W.D.; native foreman and fitters, Water Works Dept., E.W.D.; office messengers, Water Works Department; R.A.M.C. Sergeants' mess; right half Artillery Co.; H.K.D.C.; left half Artillery Co.; H.K.D.C.; Sergeants' mess H.K.D.C.; Officers' mess H.K.D.C.; Garrison Sergeants' mess; W.O.; Staff Sergeants and Sergeants, 88th Co. B.G.A.; members of the H.E.C.S.C.; Perseverance Lodge; Victoria Lodge; Messrs. C. E. Warren & Co.; the Hon. Mr. W. Chantam, C.M.G., and Mrs. Chantam; Hon. Mr. T. L. Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hollingsworth, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. C. Goldsmith, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Wilson, Mr. E. W. Hamilton, Mr. R. E. Lindell, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. E. Bullock, Mr. P. E. J. Wodehouse, and Mrs. H. E. Campbell, Mr. E. G. Smith, Mr. E. S. Thompson, Mr. R. Kennedy, Dr. and Mrs. Smalley, Capt. W. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cumbe, Mr. D. E. Donnelly, Mr. W. G. FitzGibbon, Messrs. Leeman and W. Clark, Messrs. J. H. Seth and H. Percy Smith, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Dutton, Mr. P. W. Goldring, Mr. A. David, and Inspector Sim.

Mr. Bide, who was an associate member of the Institute of Civil Engineers, was just on 41 years of age. He was an old English schoolboy and received his training as an engineer in England. He came to Hongkong in 1904 from Trinidad where he had been an Assistant Engineer of Waterworks, and after serving there for some years Mr. Bide was promoted to the rank of an Executive Engineer. He was married in Hongkong in 1912, and went on a wedding trip to Australia.

On the return voyage to Hongkong his wife died of cancer, and from this great blow he never fully recovered. His own health of late had been in a satisfactory state, and he had only recently, in fact, come out of hospital where he had been under treatment for kidney trouble, we understand. He was greatly liked by all who knew him, and his premature death is widely regretted.

## THE MAGISTRACY.

## STREET NOISANCE.

Before Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe this morning a Chinese woman was summoned for breaching with two others in Wanohai whose ball of \$5 each was returned for not appearing in Court.

Defendant was bound over in a surety of \$30 for six months and released.

## A RETURNED BANISHEE.

A banished who was charged with returning before the expiry of his term was sentenced by Mr. Wolfe to one year's hard labour and four hours' stocks in lieu of the last day.

Defendant's plea was that he came back to see his uncle. He was banished only a month ago.

## CAUSING OBSTRUCTION.

Mr. Shenton, in appearing for a Chinese charged with causing obstruction on the roadway near the Standard Oil Company's premises, asked the Magistrate to allow him two weeks to remove the sixty iron plates, which had caused the obstruction.

This was granted and defendant was fined \$5.

## GELIGNITE WITHOUT A LICENSE.

A Chinese pleaded not guilty when charged before Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe with being in possession of 28 packets of gelignite and nine coils of fuse, without a license, at Tai Wong Street.

Sergeant Cockle stated that he found the explosive on the defendant's bed. Defendant, it was alleged, was a Government workman engaged for blasting stones. He had no business to keep the explosive in his residence.

A fine of \$100 was inflicted and the gelignite confiscated.

A Chinese mother and son were charged on two counts, viz., being in unlawful possession of 53lbs. of gelignite and 30 boxes of detonators without a license, and packing in a double package the gelignite without the word "gelignite" on the lid.

Mr. P. W. Goldring, appearing for the defendants, said they had a license which belonged to first defendant's husband, whose business the defendants assumed after his death. Subsequent to the blowing up of one of the defendant's quarries the gelignite was removed and the defendants packed it as best they could.

Inspector Davitt said the defendants had, besides the one magazine which was blown up, another one where they could have stored the stuff instead of packing it.

Mr. Goldring asserted that the quarry, which was blown up, was approved by the Government.

The case was adjourned.

## ALLEGED UNLAWFUL SOCIETY.

Nineteen Chinese appeared in Mr. Wolfe's Court on remand, charged with being members of an unlawful and secret society.

Mr. E. C. Faithful, who formerly appeared for the tenth defendant, represented the nineteenth defendant. Mr. T. H. King (A.S.P.) prosecuting, said he would like to prefer a further charge, of attending a secret meeting on the night of September 25th contrary to sub-section 2 of section 12.

Mr. Faithful pleaded not guilty on behalf of his client and the case was adjourned till Wednesday next.

## THEFT OF GOLD WATCH.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood with stealing a gold watch and a silver chain valued at \$68.65 from a goldsmith employed at Sincera's.

Inspector Brown said that a report was made to the Police Station by the complainant that his watch had been stolen from the sleeping quarters. Two days later the defendant was observed to be taking away a watch from the godown.

Two witnesses gave evidence, which was inconsistent.

His Worship discharged the accused.

## BEGGARS FINED.

Two Chinese were charged with begging near the Wyndham and Carlton Hotels.

They were fined \$5 each.

## A LUKONG ASSAULTED.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. Wolfe this afternoon on remand, with unlawfully assaulting a Lukong, thus obstructing him in the execution of his duty. Defendant was also charged with having damaged the Lukong's uniform.



## TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

## ACTIVE BATTLE LINE OF 70 MILES.

## THIRD SUCCESSIVE BLOW ON GERMAN FRONT.

Paris, Sept. 30.

A Havas message says:—  
The Belgian Army attacked the German positions on a front of over 12 miles from below Ypres to the north of the Forest of Houlloust. They advanced five miles, and took several thousands of prisoners.

The new blow was the third struck on the German front within three days.

The total active battle line is now 70 miles. The Germans everywhere suffered enormous casualties. By Friday night over 58,000 prisoners had been taken.

The British attack west of Cambrai was a magnificent success. The system of fortifications east of Cambrai was burst through. The crossing of the Nord Canal was one of the greatest engineering and military feats of the war.

General Mangin came again into action in the Aisne. The pressure of the French troops on the enemy compelled him to give new ground on the western end south of the Chemin-des-Dunes.

East of Arras the Americans fought hard, their initial thrust developing successfully, 20 towns and enormous booty being captured.

## ATTACK BY BRITISH FOURTH ARMY.

## PRECEDED BY LONG BOMBARDMENT.

London, Sept. 29.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing this evening, says:—  
This morning's attack by the Fourth Army did not surprise the enemy, being preceded by a 49-hour bombardment.

A large force of Americans advanced. The first waves, with a big concourse of tanks moved forward mainly on a 6,000-yard front, south of Vendhuille. The weather is fine with a light mist. The Americans, using Vendhuille Gap as a bridge, stormed forward, deploying like a fan.

The British division crossed the waterway in magnificent style, many of the men swimming under heavy machine-gun fire, and entered the village of Belleplais.

The first phase ended at 9 o'clock. After a pause a dramatic incident marked the resumption of attack. The Americans opened their tanks, while the Australians, who had been moving up in support, swept through and formed the first wave. They repulsed the attack amid a storm of cheering.

Hard fighting occurred at many places, where the Germans had established redoubts of extraordinary strength, and strong positions south-west of Cambrai were attacked dashingly by the New Zealanders, who drove in a wedge into the enemy line and took 1,000 prisoners.

The Canadians early in the morning were approaching Ramilles and were due north of the town astride important communications.

As the morning advanced it became clear that the battle was developing into a fine victory. Le Catelet, the key position on the whole sector from Bellicourt to Banteux, was captured by 12 o'clock. We are astride the St. Quentin-Cambrai railway at many places, seriously restricting the enemy's communications.

Important fortified villages were carried in rapid succession. La Vacquerie, Nauray, Boy and Villers were taken early in the day.

The Belgians further north entered the town and recaptured Houlloust and now hold the entire Zonnebeke and Zuyvordde system.

Here the line of the Second Army morning ran near Zonnebeke and Zuyvordde, through Houlloust to the de Mexico ridge.

The Germans have so far taken prisoners, and we took over

## BRITISH AVIATORS CO-OPERATE IN BATTLE.

## 25 MACHINES DESTROYED.

London, Sept. 30.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, reporting on aviation, says:—  
Our aeroplanes co-operated in every phase of Saturday's operations. Our patrols, reconnoitering in the rear of the German lines in the day and at night, reported the trend of the enemy movements.

Bombs were dropped and machine-gun fire operated from an extremely low height on enemy troops, transport, trains and gun teams. Heavy casualties were inflicted.

Twenty-two machines were destroyed during the day and three were driven down out of control. Twenty-four of our machines are missing.

We dropped 22 tons of bombs in the day and 34 tons at night, many machines continuing their attacks almost until dawn.

All our night-fliers returned.

## A GERMAN COMMUNIQUE.

London, Sept. 30.

A wireless German evening report states:—  
There were fresh engagements east of Ypres and tremendous fighting between Cambrai and St. Quentin, the English assault failing on the whole front.

Violent French and American attacks in Champagne and between Arras and the Meuse were repulsed, except for local breaches on both sides of Arras.

## DEVONSHIRE BATTALION'S UNGRUDGING SACRIFICE.

## STIRRING TRIBUTE BY A FRENCH COMMANDER.

London, Sept. 29.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig quotes the following "Order of the Day" issued to the Fifth French Army on August 29th:—

"On May 27th when the British trenches were subjected to fierce attacks the Second Battalion of the Devonshire repulsed successive assaults with gallantry and determination, and maintained an unbroken front till a late hour. Their staunchness permitted the organisation of the defences south of a certain town until its occupation by reinforcements was completed. Inspired by the sangfroid of their gallant Commander in face of an intense bombardment, the few survivors, isolated without hope or assistance, held on to the trenches north of the river and fought to the last with unhesitating obedience to orders. Thus the whole battalion, numbering a Colonel, 28 officers and 552 non-commissioned officers and men, responded with one accord and offered their lives in ungrudging sacrifice for the sacred cause."

"On June 6th the progress of a heavy enemy attack seriously threatened the right flank of a British brigade whereupon at first the Fourth Battalion of the Shropshire Light Infantry, which were in reserve, were ordered to counter-attack the position whence their comrades had been ejected. With magnificent dash the Battalion rushed to the hill on which the enemy was established, inflicting heavy losses on him and capturing in hand-to-hand fighting, an officer and 28 men. Thanks to this gallant and spirited recapture of the key to the whole defensive position, the line was completely restored. The dash, energy and intrepidity with which on this memorable occasion the Battalion carried all before it were largely responsible for the retrieval temporarily of a critical situation."

The explanations failed to convince the Socialists and Progressives, who also criticised the technical backwardness of the War Ministry, especially in the matter of the Tanks.

## THE FIGHTING IN CHAMPAGNE.

## TWENTY ENEMY DIVISIONS ATTACK.

## AN ATTEMPT TO GAIN TIME FOR RETREAT.

Paris, Sept. 29.

A semi-official report issued on the evening of the 26th, states:—  
The Germans launched over 20 fresh divisions against General Gouraud in Champagne yesterday, without causing him to give ground.

In three days' fighting no fewer than 20 German divisions were counted in this section.

Apparently the German resistance in Champagne is intended to gain time before a further retreat.

## FURIOUS FIGHTING IN CHAMPAGNE.

## GERMAN DIVISIONS REDUCED TO HANDFUL OF MEN.

London, Sept. 29.

Reuter's Correspondent at French Headquarters, telegraphing to-day, says:—  
The Germans in Champagne are opposing the French with desperate energy and are clinging determinedly to the ridges north of the Py and Dormoise. Ten fresh enemy divisions have been identified.

The Germans are fighting with undeniable bravery and tenacity. In some cases German divisions were captured when only a handful of men were left of them.

Long waves of German counter-attacks did not succeed in winning back an inch of ground. We captured the important height of Mont Cuvelot, west of Bouconville.

## AMERICAN FRONT DETERMINED ENEMY RESISTANCE.

## GERMANS BRING RESERVES FROM OTHER FRONTS.

London, Sept. 30.

"An American communiqué states:—  
We continued to meet with determined enemy resistance. The Germans were forced to bring up divisions from other parts of the front.

We repulsed heavy counter-attacks between Clerge and the Aire Valley.

## BELGIANS EXPOSED BY KING ALBERT.

Paris, Sept. 29.

Before the Belgian attack, King Albert issued an "Order of the Day" to the troops, in which he said:—

"Side by side with our heroic British and French comrades it is for you to hurl back the invader who has been oppressing your brothers for over four years. The hour is decisive. Everywhere Germany is falling back. Forward, for Right and Liberty and for glorious and immortal Belgium!"

## THE FLANDERS LINE.

London, Sept. 29.

The line in Flanders runs through the eastern edge of Ploegsteert Wood, thence to Messines, south of Beelchere and Passchendaele, west of Roosebeke and the eastern edge of Houthulst Forest, Woumen, Clerken and Dixmude.

## INFLUENZA IN GERMANY ARMY.

180,000 CASES.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 30.

In the Main Committee of the Reichstag, replying to Socialist enquiries about influenza in the army and the poor stamina of the recruits, Surgeon-General von Schultzen admitted there were 180,000 cases of influenza, a portion of them being serious. He denied that the recruits were suffering from inadequate nourishment.

The explanations failed to convince the Socialists and Progressives, who also criticised the technical backwardness of the War Ministry, especially in the matter of the Tanks.

## SENSATIONAL ESCAPE OF EX-MINISTER OF WAR.

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 30.

The Russian ex-Ministry of War, M. Sukhomlinoff, made a sensational escape from Russia by swimming a river on the Russo-Finnish frontier at night.

## WORLD-FAMOUS IMAGE STOLEN.

## SENSATION IN A CHURCH.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 29.

A message from Moscow states that during a service a robber snatched the world-famous image of "Our Lady of Kazan" covered with jewels of a fabulous value, from the priest whom he shot with a revolver, severely wounding him. The robber escaped with the booty during the ensuing panic.

## SPECIAL SERVICES FOR DELIVERANCE OF HOLY LAND.

London, Sept. 29.

Special services of thanksgiving for the deliverance of the Holy Land from the Turk were held in London to-day.

## BULGARIA AND PEACE.

## BULGARIA'S REQUEST FOR AN ARMISTICE.

## BULGARIAN ENVOYS AT SALONICA.

Paris, Sept. 29.

The Bulgarian envoys, M. Laptcheff, the Finance Minister, and General Loukoff, the Commander of the Second Army, and M. Rudeff, an ex-Minister, arrived at Salonica on the evening of the 28th to discuss the conditions of an armistice. General Despey receives them to-day.

## GERMAN PRESS COMMENT.

## GERMANY'S MOST SERIOUS HOUR HAS STRUCK.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 29.

The *Frankfurter Zeitung*, referring to Bulgaria's request for an armistice, says: "It is useless to gloss over this news. If the sentiment at the important side gate deserts his post, and allows the enemy to enter, this creates a serious situation for the defenders' front wall."

The *Volks-Anzeiger* says: "Germany's most serious hour appears to have struck."

## COUNT HERTLING AT HEAD-QUARTERS.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 29.

Count Hertling has gone to Headquarters.

## AUSTRIA DISCUSSES EVENTS IN BULGARIA.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 29.

A message from Vienna says a Crown Council was held on the 28th with the Emperor Karl presiding to discuss the events in Bulgaria.

## NO CHANGE OF AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN ATTITUDE.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 29.

The Premier, M. Hussarek, has informed the Pressmen that reports of a change of the Austro-Hungarian attitude are absolutely unfounded.

## THE BALKANS.

## ALLIED PROGRESS ALL ALONG THE LINE.

## 350 GUNS CAPTURED.

London, Sept. 30.

An French Eastern communiqué states:—  
The Allied left wing continued on the 28th to drive back the enemy rearwards upon Kicheva.

We captured Brod and the heights north of Menna and the town of Mohrida.

The Serbians progressed north and north-east of Vele and Kocerna and reached the Bulgarian frontier in the direction of Aumanno and Kuntendil.

The British and Greeks are advancing north of Strumitza in the direction of Pelicera upon the town of Petrich and the Strumitza valley. So far over 350 guns have been captured.

## A NEW STANDARD.

At one of the new ministries there is an attendant who has been a barber in Grosvenor Square, and prides himself upon a certain instinct for distinguishing blue blood from the other varieties. Some ladies of the department were drawing him on the subject. "Now, what is his name?" said one. "Surely Mr. Jones is a gentleman?" "No, he is a barber," said another. "All very well on the surface, miss," he admitted. "But he actually walked in the other day with tassels on his umbrella!"

## LOVE BEFORE DUTY.

Here is an interesting and true story of a Boche who preferred love to duty. Somewhere on the Western front last week, a Hun officer made his way into the British lines and gave himself up as a prisoner. With him he brought another officer in full uniform who afterwards admitted to being a woman. "Fritz," it seems, had fallen deeply in love with the lady—a Belgian. Unromantic German officialdom having "warned" her for serving in a munition factory, he decided to risk his life rather than be apart from the woman of his choice. He secured the uniform, and seizing the first opportunity that presented itself, he managed to cross the line and surrender himself to the English as a deserter.

## CHILDREN'S COLDS.

Why let the children risk their little bodies in such distressing manner when you can so easily give their colds with a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? For sale by all Chemists and Grocers.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

## BULGARIA'S REQUEST FOR PEACE.

## THE OFFICIAL NOTE.

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 28.

A message from Sofia dated Sept. 26, says:—  
The parties of the Ministerial bloc publish the following Note: "In accord with the parties of the bloc Government yesterday at noon we made an official offer of an armistice to our adversary. The parties of the bloc invite the Army and population to maintain military and public discipline which is so necessary for a happy issue in these times which are decisive for the recently begun work of peace."

"Parliament has been convoked for the 30th September."

## THE OFFER OFFICIAL.

London, Sept. 28.

The following official announcement in Sofia leaves no doubt that the Bulgarian request for an armistice comes from a representative quarter. The announcement states: "In view of the conjunction of circumstances that has recently arisen and after the position had been jointly discussed with all competent authorities, the Bulgarian Government, desiring to end the bloodshed, has employed the Generalissimo of her field-armies to propose to the Entente Generalissimo at Salonika a cessation of hostilities in order to begin negotiations with the object of concluding an armistice and peace."

## GERMAN PRESS COMMENT.

## OUTSPOKEN CRITICISM.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 28.

The German newspapers are most nervous regarding Bulgaria and assert that heavy German reinforcements are rushing thither in order to strengthen the pro-German elements.

The *Volks-Anzeiger*, *Völkische Tagesblatt*, and *German* exhort the German nation to be calm in this fateful hour.

The *Volks-Anzeiger* says that communication with Constantinople must be maintained at all costs.

The *Forwards* says: "From the day of Matipoff's appointment it was well known in political circles that oralliance was in the greatest danger. In addition to the Cabinet's pro-Entente sentiments, there is an extraordinarily ardent desire for peace on the part of the people, whose food for months has been crumbling and indigestible maize bread. Even if the supporters of the Alliance regain the upper hand, there can be no illusion regarding the value of the preservation of the Alliance for Germany."

The *Forwards*, after referring to the possibility of the collapse of the German defence on the Western Front, concludes: "The hour has arrived to speak plainly. It is no longer a question of conquest, but of attaining peace without unbearable burden. The Government must do its utmost to come to the Conference table as speedily as possible."

The *New York Times* says:—"Austria has taken measures to insure reinforcements reaching the Bulgarian front at the earliest and declares that the retreating Bulgars are getting into touch with the Austrians. Albania has been removed from the control of the Bulgarian Command." The journal assumes that a new front will be established ensuring the Eastern communications of the Central Powers.

The *Frankfurter Zeitung's* Vienna Correspondent says:—"As a result of the alarming news from Bulgaria, Premier Hussarek summoned the party leaders and discussed the advisability of convoking the Reichsrath. It is rumored that Premier Hussarek has been ordered to form a Coalition Ministry. The Hungarian Premier has arrived in Vienna."

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## CLOSED DOORS.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 28.

Admiral von Hintze, speaking in the Reichstag, said that Germany and Austria are throwing all their available reserves into Bulgaria. The situation, however, remained critical, and he endeavored to convince the Reichstag that the armistice proposal, had caused great indignation in Bulgaria.

On the suggestion of von Hintze the Reichstag has decided not to discuss the Bulgarian situation in public.

## ARMISTICE DOUBTFUL.

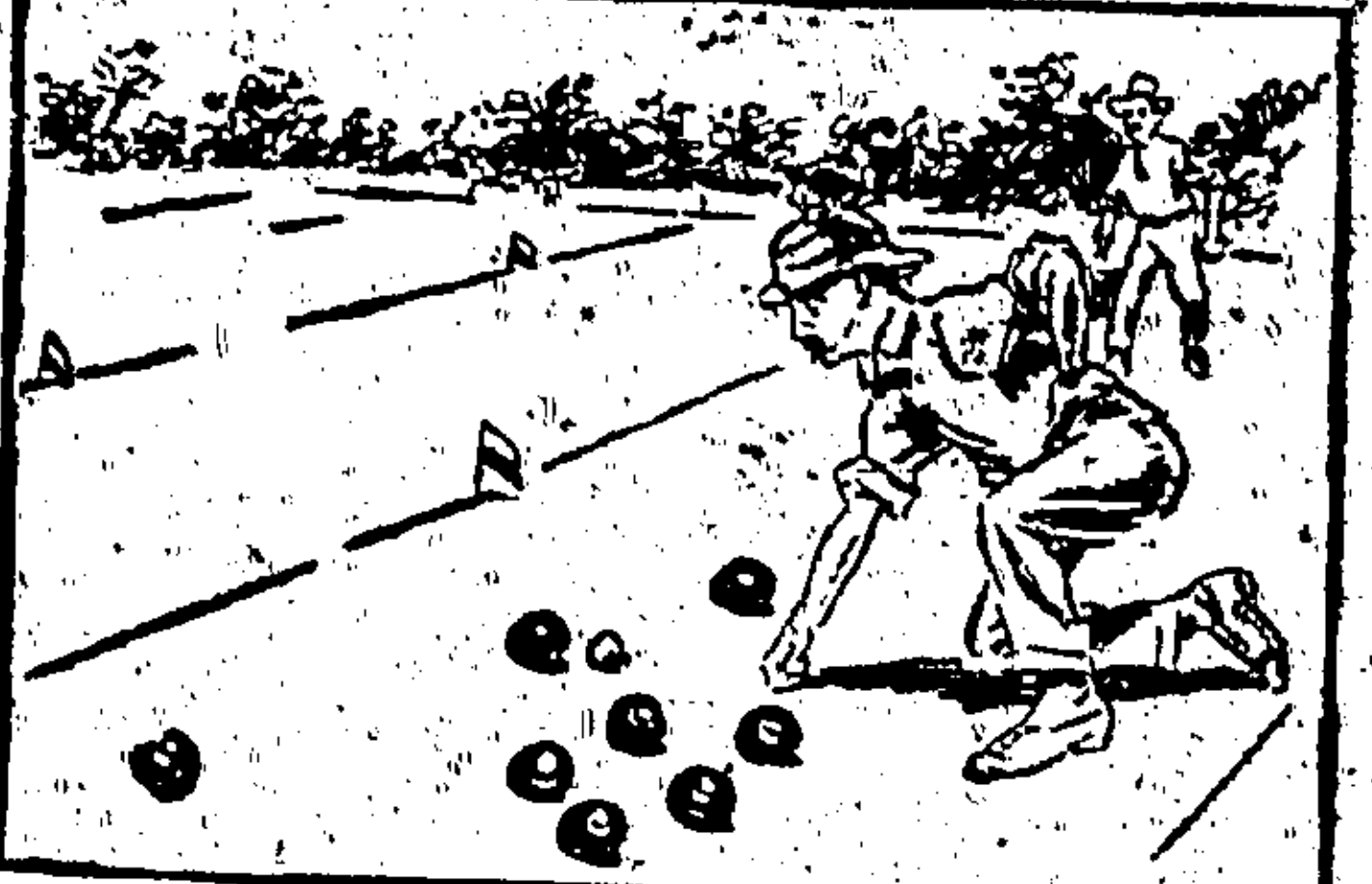
London, Sept. 28.

According to the *Hamburgh Fremden-Blatt*, the *Times* understands that it is regarded as doubtful whether any request for an armistice by Bulgaria can be entertained at this stage of the operations.

## SOME WATERPOOTS.

A correspondent writes to the *N. Y. Daily News* from the *C. N. & E. Express*: "When we were on passage Hien-sin to Shanghai last trip, we observed at mid-day on September 18, when 45 miles S.W. of Tsuku Far (in Gulf of Pechili) a number of exceptionally large water spouts, reaching right up to the heavens and of great diameter. At one time nine were counted together. They were all travelling towards the southeast at great speed, and after half an hour they gradually disappeared. The weather was fair. Such a number of water spouts together is a most unusual phenomenon."

## THE BOWLS MATCH.



GERRY.—Sheer robbery, that's what I call it. I was lying there afore that you can up.  
RUSSY.—Aye, an' what's mair, that makes twenty-two and you pay for the War Bond Ticket.  
GERRY.—Aweel; we'll just hae a measure for't.  
RUSSY.—But there's nae measure in't.  
GERRY.—The measure I meant is we'll go halves on the ticket.  
RUSSY.—An' half o' that gang's tea the soldiers at you'll expense, Gerry.  
GERRY.—I wadna care if it a' went to them for the pair lads deserve it.

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